

**Dear CMIT Elementary Parents,**

During the first few weeks of school, our staff took the time to explicitly teach rules and expectations for classrooms as well as other locations throughout the school. It is already evident that it helped to increase ready-to-learn environment in our school.

Please ensure you will provide updated contact information. We are working on updating SchoolMax and blackboard database to ensure we will be able to reach all of our families with the necessary information. After updating database we will be able to send text and voice messages to communicate with our families. To start this practice soon as possible please help us to have your current phone and email addresses soon as possible.

Thanks to all CMIT Elementary parents who were able to attend back to school night event on Thursday, September 14, 2017. It was a great success! I heard a lot of wonderful comments from our families that I shared with my team members. Please remember you are always welcome to visit me or email me to share your concerns, suggestions, or ideas. We will work together to make our school is a best elementary school in the state of Maryland.

I would like to say special thank you to all of you for your great comments about the improvements. I believe with your support we will have a great academic year here, at CMIT Elementary school.

As everybody agrees on that, transportation and traffic are our biggest challenges. Thank you for our volunteer parents who are helping us during drop-off and pick-up times. It is always wonderful having more adult around us to ensure everything is safe for our students. We still need more volunteers during morning hours.

Please be careful during the drop-off and pick-up times, be mindful that we have elementary school age all around us. Their safety is our priority!

Also, I would like to remind you that we are a role model for them. We should remember it is a school property that means 'smoke-free zone'.

Thank you for your support to improve our school practices.

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